

REMARKS**I. Response to Rejections Under 35 USC§103**

At pages 2-claims 1-13, 16, 17, 24-27, and 33-36 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over "Fernandez" (United States patent number 6,697,103) in view of "Kelly" (United States patent number 6,138,168). The Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection because the combination of the references does not disclose the invention claimed in the Applicants amended independent claims.

In Fernandez, an integrated network for monitoring remote objects is disclosed. Fernandez includes integrated imaging and GPS network monitoring of remote objects. A browser interface displays objects and detectors in the system of Fernandez. In Kelly, support for application programs in a distributed environment is disclosed. Kelly provides a system and method for supporting communications between application programs and the processing of messages by those programs. However, neither Fernandez nor Kelly (taken either singly or in combination therewith) discloses, suggests, or otherwise makes obvious a method of configuring a user interface of computer-assisted equipment that includes transmitting a service program to the computer-assisted equipment "wherein said service program programs one or more selectors located on a surface of the computer-assisted equipment", as recited in amended independent claim 1.

Nor do Fernandez and Kelly (taken either singly or in combination) disclose, suggests, or otherwise make obvious a method for interacting with a remote computer that includes receiving an interface instruction that allows the computer-assisted equipment to cooperate with a remote computer in accordance with the service program, "wherein said service program programs one or more selectors located on a surface of the computer-assisted equipment", as recited in amended independent claim 10.

Nor do Fernandez and Kelly (taken either singly or in combination) disclose, suggest, or otherwise make obvious a method that includes transmitting an interface instruction to a computer-assisted appliance, the interface instruction allowing said computer-assisted equipment to cooperate with said remote computer in accordance

with a service program, "wherein said service program programs one or more selectors located on a surface of the computer-assisted equipment", as recited in amended independent claim 24

Nor do Fernandez and Kelly (taken either singly or in combination) disclose, suggest, or otherwise make obvious computer-readable media having instructions thereon which, when executed by a computer, cause the computer to perform a method that includes the step of transmitting a service program, "wherein said service program programs one or more selectors located on a surface of the computer-assisted equipment ", as recited in amended independent claim 33.

Accordingly, as the combination of Fernandez and Kelly do not disclose invention of the Applicant's claims, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection.

At pages 10-11, claims 14 and 15 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fernandez in view of Kelly, and further in view of "Murakoshi" (United States patent number 6,850,971). The Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection because the combination of the references does not disclose the invention claimed in the Applicants amended independent claims.

As mentioned previously herein, Fernandez discloses an integrated network for monitoring remote objects. Fernandez includes integrated imaging and GPS network monitoring of remote objects. A browser interface displays objects and detectors in the system of Fernandez. In Kelly, support for application programs in a distributed environment is disclosed. Kelly provides a system and method for supporting communications between application programs and the processing of messages by those programs.

In Murakoshi, a system for processing information which reads address information is disclosed. Murakoshi includes a medium, set in a computer, that reads out identification information. However, none of the cited references taken either singly or in combination) disclose, suggest, or otherwise make obvious a method for interacting with a remote computer that includes receiving an interface instruction that allows the computer-assisted equipment to cooperate with a remote computer in accordance with the service program, "wherein said service program programs one or more selectors located on a surface of the computer-assisted

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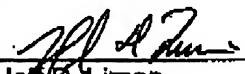
equipment", as recited in amended independent claim 10, from which claims 14 and 15 depend.

In view of the amendments to the claims and arguments above, the Applicant requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections to the claims and pass this application onto allowance.

II. Additional Fees:

It is not believed that additional fees are due at this time; however, if any additional fee is required in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

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